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Applicant(s): T. ENDO et al

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
January 5, 2004, the term for response to which expires on  
April 5, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-7, 9, 13  
and 14 are canceled; claims 8 and 10-12 are amended; and  
claims 15 and 16 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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